

***BCL-2 SPLICING VARIANTS***

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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a method of regulating apoptosis in a cell and comprises targeting an abnormally or alternatively spliced mRNA, an abnormally or alternatively structured mRNA, or a product of either. The invention also provides a  
10 nucleotide construct with a nucleotide sequence that is homologous to mRNA transcribed from an abnormally spliced gene and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleotide construct in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.